the Government for reviewing the functioning of the Cr. PC. Recently, the Cr. PC was amended through the Cr. PC of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005 to remove certain procedural difficulties/ lacunae.

EARP appliances for Civil Defence

†3061. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is essential to get EARP appliances installed in the cities for Civil Defence for broadcasting the information of air raids under internal communication system;

(b) whether the proposal of getting aforesaid appliances installed in Naraura, Agra, Mathura and Lucknow for the security fo citizens in first phase is pending with the Government of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any request has been made to the Government of India for hundred per cent contribution of the required fund for the above said proposal; and

(e) the details of the decision taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S REGUPATHY) : (a) EARP equipment is essential for all categorized Civil Defence towns.

(b) and (c) As per existing policy, it is the responsibility of the State Government to procure and install Internal Communication equipments in Civil Defence towns in the State. The Central Government reimburses 25% of the expenditure incurred by the State Governments on activation of the internal communication system including EARP.

(d) A proposal to this effect was received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(e) The State Government has been advised that in accordance with the existing policy, the expenditure on internal communication system is poolable. The expenditure is first to be incurred by the State Government. The Central Government's share is then reimbursed as grant-in-aid.

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